SI. No.	States	Total Central Assistance	Own Funds of the Slates	Borrowings of the States	Total
		37.57	-145.11	207.54	100.00
		42.09	-120.22	178.13	100.00
		78.00	-62.49	84.49	100.00
		74.87	-113.90	139.03	100.00
		59.39	-116.56	157.16	100.00
		42.48	-48. 14	106.66	100.00

Upliftment of Backward Districts

5005. PROF. M. SANKARALINGAM: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of poor and backward districts of the country State-wise;

(b) whether Government have formulated any scheme or conducted any study for the development and upliftment of these districts;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the allocations made in this regard during the past five years, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING, MINISTER OF STATE INTHE MINISTRY OF STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION AND MINISTER OF STATE FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE REFORMS AND PUBLIC GRIEVANCES IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI ARUN SHOURIE): (a) and (b) No, Sir. As planning and development of an area and allocation of funds for the purpose are primarily the responsibility of the concerned State Government, Planning Commission has not identified any district as backward per se.

(c) and (d) Do not arise. However, the Central Government supplements the efforts of the State Governments in the development of poor and backward areas through appropriate weightage for backwardness in the formula used for distribution of Normal Central Assistance. In addition in order to address the special problems of designated areas Special Central Assistance is allocated under Special Area Programmes such as Hill Areas Development Programme,

Border Area Development Programme, North Eastern Council and Tribal Sub-Plan. Further, the Government is implementing specifically designed Centrally Sponsored anti-poverty programmes for generation of both self-employment and wage - employment namely, Swaranjayanti Gram Swarozgar Yojana, Jawahar Gram Samridhi Yojana and Employment Assurance Scheme in rural areas. These programmes have been redesigned and re-structured in order to improve their efficacy/impact on the poor.

Projects in Rural and Hilly Areas by KVIC

5006. SHRI PRAKANTA WARISA: Will the Minister of SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES AND AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) the details of projects being implemented in the rural and hilly areas of Assam by the Khadi and Village Industries Commission to promote small scale industries during the last three years;

(b) the number of small scale industries in Assam for which loans have been granted by Government during this period; and

(c) the steps being taken or proposed to be taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES AND AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE): (a) In order to promote the village industries projects, the Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC) is implementing the Margin Money Scheme in all the States including the hilly areas. Under the scheme, 25% of the cost of the project up to Rs. 10 lakhs, and additional 10% of the cost of the project above Rs. 10 lakhs but upto Rs. 25 lakhs, is being provided as margin money. For the North Eastern Region, margin money is provided at the rate of 30% and required contribution of beneficiaries is 5%.

(b) The details of the SSI units in the State of Assam in the portfolios of Scheduled Commercial Banks for the last 3 years are given as under:—

Year	No. of units
1996	71,151
1997	62,086
1998	62,074